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SUBJECT: ADVANCED RANGE INSTRUMENT AIRCRAFT (ARIA)

REF: A) 76 STATE 289848, B) 76 BISSAU 0223, C) STATE 096427 D) BISSAU 0246

- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE MAY 16 REFUSING ARIA FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS AT AMILCAR CABRAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SAL ISLAND. NOTE ARGUED THAT SAL AIRPORT OPEN TO COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC OF ALL NATIONS BUT THAT MILITARY AIRCRAFT FALL UNDER SPECIAL RUBRIQUE. MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES MIGHT BE PERMITTED LANDING RIGHTS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS IF THEY WERE ENGAGED IN PEACEFUL OPERATIONS AND IF THEIR NATURE DID NOT LEND THEM TO IMMEDIATE CONVERSION TO NON-PEACEFUL OPERATIONAL PURPOSES. CITING SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS ON BOARD SUBJECT AIRCRAFT, GOCV ARGUES AIRCRAFT ARE QUOTE SUSCEPTIBLE UNQUOTE AT ANY MOMENT TO CONVERSION TO MILITARY OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY. OPERATING RIGHTS THUS DENIED.
- 2. NOTE CONTINUES THAT THIS POLICY APPLIES TO ALL COUNTRIES AND IS CONSISTENT WITH GOCV POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND THEREFORE CONFIDENTIAL

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DECISION SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS INTERFERING WITH GOCV QUOTE STRONG DESIRE UNQUOTE TO ENCOURAGE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN CAPE VERDE AND U.S.

3. CHARGE' PLANS COMMENT ON ABOVE DURING TRIP TO CAPE VERDE TO ACCOMPANY AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH ONLY TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT THESE FLIGHTS, WHICH IN OUR VIEW HAD ONLY PEACEFUL PURPOSES,

WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED OTHERWISE BY GOCV.

4. COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED AF/W MCGUIRE. CURRAN

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